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# Crime Watch News

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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

### Gang and Violent Crime Division

Wednesday June 18, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department  
1800 East Wardlow Road

**This month, we will host representatives from the Gang and Violent Crimes Division.**

**This newly established division has been reorganized to better incorporate our violent crime investigative capabilities. The division now integrates the Gang Enforcement Section, Homicide Detail, Career Criminal Apprehension Team, Drug Investigations Section, Robbery Detail and the Violent Crimes Detail.**

***\*Please note that our Annual Neighborhood Watch Appreciation BBQ has been moved from June 18th to July 16th. Hope to see you there!***

## Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- June 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:00 p.m.  
**Community Forum on Youth Violence**  
McArthur Park, 1401 East Anaheim Street  
Presented by the Chief's Latino and African-American Advisory Groups
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Jonathon Jacques Children's Cancer Center Memorial Fun Run**  
Rainbow Harbor Lagoon, 100 Aquarium Way  
Call for volunteer information: Detective Diana Anderson 570-7658
- June 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**North Division Take Back Our Streets Neighborhood Clean Up Effort**  
De Forest Park, South Street at De Forest Park  
Call for volunteer information: North Community Policing 570-5028
- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Networking and Potluck at the Neighborhood Resource Center**  
Neighborhood Resource Center, 425 Atlantic Avenue  
Call for further information: 570-1010

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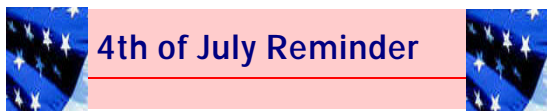
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## 4th of July Reminder

Just a reminder that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Long Beach. They are dangerous, unpredictable and the cause of several injuries and fires each year. Even a sparkler is dangerous. It burns at 1800 degrees and is not a safe toy to put in the hands of a child or even those of an adult. Each 4th of July, fireworks are the cause of hundreds of calls for service for both the Long Beach Fire and Police Departments. Please be responsible and lessen the amount of calls for service we respond to this year.

Fireworks spit flames and hot sulfur. They explode when they are not supposed to. They have burned eyes and limbs, and have ruined many lives.

If you light any fireworks in the City of Long Beach, you are guilty of a misdemeanor, and you may be fined up to \$1000, spend 12 months in jail, or both. Dangerous fireworks are those not approved by the State Fire Marshal. Some are even a felony to possess. In some cases, violations are punishable up to six years in state prison.

Attend one of the many professionally done fireworks shows in the Southern California area. There are several events in the Long Beach area alone. Be responsible. Enjoy a great show and have a safe and fun 4th of July.



## PRE-REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL DO NOT CALL PROGRAM

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Californians can now pre-register for the nationwide "Do Not Call List," a program the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is expected to launch this summer. California is joining in this national registry as a FREE program to its consumers.

If you sign up today, your information will be forwarded to stop unwanted telemarketing calls beginning in October. The Office of the Attorney General of the State of California will deliver the pre-registered California telephone numbers to the

FTC as soon as the federal agency is ready to receive them — most likely in July 2003.

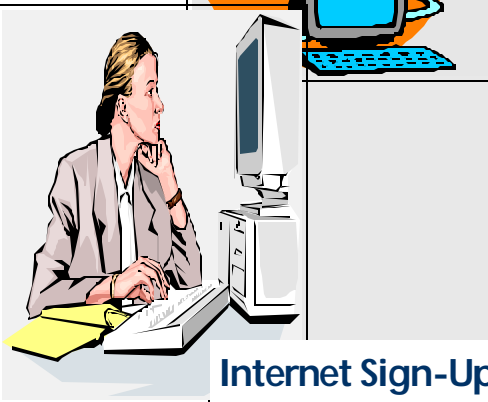
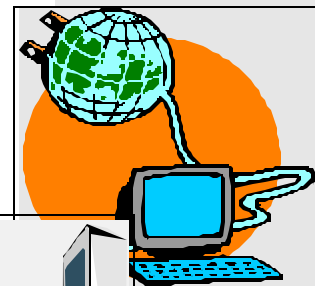
Only California residential and mobile telephone numbers are eligible for this program. Business telephone numbers are excluded. Beginning October 2003, telemarketers must stop calling consumers whose telephone number is on the National "Do Not Call List."

You can sign up today at the Attorney General's Department of Justice website at :

<http://nocall.doj.state.ca.us/>

It's simple. Just go to the web-site, click on "[Click Here To Pre-Register Now!](#)," complete the form and click on the "Submit" button. The Attorney General's Office will take care of the rest!

While most telemarketer calls will be prohibited, there are certain exceptions. For example, charities, and companies that have an established relationship with a consumer may still make calls.



## Internet Sign-Ups

*Attorney General Bill Lockyer is offering a convenient and secure way, using the Internet, to pre-register for the free nationwide "Do Not Call" program that the FTC will begin operating this summer.*

*Signing up through the California Department of Justice web site means that your information won't be used for any purpose other than to get onto the FTC "Do Not Call List." Don't be fooled by other bogus registration sites.*

*Some helpful links for consumer information:*

*Federal Trade Commission  
"www.ftc.gov"*

*California Department of Justice  
"www.safestate.org"*

## EFFECTIVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

ATTENTION ALL INCOME PROPERTY OWNERS... IT'S TIME TO RECLAIM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Here is a great opportunity for rental property owners and managers to learn skills and gain tools that will assist them to better address crime and drug problems, to improve their properties' appearance, and to improve their neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Services Bureau has partnered with the Apartment Association of California Southern Cities to host a series of FREE Effective Property Management Seminars. The seminars are being presented to teach rental property owners and managers skills that will help them improve the value of their properties while helping them overcome nuisance problems on their property and within their local neighborhood.

The six hour training will be held in two parts, each three hours long. On the agenda are topics including: How to Effectively Screen Prospective Residents, Identifying Gangs, Narcotics and Other Illegal Activity, and Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities.

### Part One workshop Seminars:

- Monday, June 16, 2003  
Neighborhood Resource Center  
425 Atlantic Avenue
- Tuesday, June 17, 2003  
Fairfield Family YMCA  
4949 Atlantic Avenue
- Wednesday, June 18, 2003  
Lafayette Elementary School  
2445 Chestnut Avenue
- Monday, June 23, 2003  
West Division Police Station  
1835 Santa Fe Avenue
- Tuesday, June 24, 2003  
Lee Elementary School  
1620 Temple Avenue



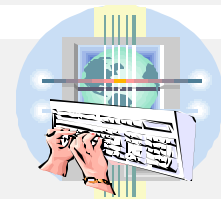
- Wednesday, June 25, 2003  
Anaheim Corridor Police Center  
1320 Gaviota Avenue

### Part Two Workshop Seminars:

- Monday, July 21, 2003  
Neighborhood Resource Center  
425 Atlantic Avenue
- Tuesday, July 22, 2003  
Fairfield Family YMCA  
4949 Atlantic Avenue
- Wednesday, July 23, 2003  
Lafayette Elementary School  
2445 Chestnut Avenue
- Monday, July 28, 2003  
West Division Police Station  
1835 Santa Fe Avenue
- Tuesday, June 29, 2003  
Lee Elementary School  
1620 Temple Avenue
- Wednesday, June 30, 2003  
Anaheim Corridor Police Center  
1320 Gaviota Avenue

Each seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will continue until 9:30 p.m. If you are a property owner or manager and are interested in attending this free training or would like additional information, contact the Neighborhood Resource Center at (562) 570-1010 or the reservation hotline at (562) 426-8341. Please be sure to invite fellow property owners and managers, too!

## JOIN OUR E-NOTIFY



*We are creating an email notification service that will allow you to be notified of police events and other news that occur within our city. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join, allowing the Police Department to communicate important information to you, the concerned citizens of Long Beach. Follow the four easy steps below to subscribe to this free service:*

1. Access the Long Beach Police Department's website at:  
[www.longbeachpd.gov](http://www.longbeachpd.gov)
2. Locate the column of site topics on the left side of the page, and click on "Join Our e-Notify."
3. Click on "Join Here," at the message titled, "We Need to Contact You."
4. A form titled, "Help Us Communicate With You" will appear. Complete the information requested. Click on "Submit," and we'll regularly send you information!

Happy  
4th  
of  
July



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

*This month we congratulate Block Captain Jodi Foster on the success of her group in the Best Trailer Park at 56th Street and Long Beach Boulevard. Please share your secrets of success by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to [limassa@longbeach.gov](mailto:limassa@longbeach.gov). We'll do our best to include your article in our upcoming issues of "Crime Watch News."*

I started our Neighborhood Watch group at Best Trailer Park in March of 2002. Our neighborhood borders the De Forest Nature Trail, which has been a source of continuing problems including graffiti, gunshots, loiterers, drug trafficking, and even brush fires. I realized a need for Neighborhood Watch due to these many complaints of crime. I also felt that our neighbors were not looking out for one another as well as they should. We now take more responsibility for our neighborhood and call the police anytime we see something suspicious. One of these calls led to the capture of a man shortly after I observed him breaking into my neighbor's car. I called my neighbors and we worked together to detain him until the police arrived. This capture led to a criminal conviction, taking one more criminal off the street.

We live in a close community and Neighborhood Watch has helped us to get better acquainted with the needs of one another. Since joining Neighborhood Watch, we have organized a baby shower for a couple who gained responsibility of caring for their grandchild. We now help with childcare duties, meal preparation, and now offer a network to support one another. Last Christmas, we worked together to donate a generous amount of new toys and a variety of food items for the Annual Police and Fire Christmas Drive For Needy Families Program.

The small size of our community enables us to be in close communication at all times. When there is a problem, everyone now works together to solve it. It was also through Neighborhood Watch that we met our Council Representative's Aide who has assisted us with dealing with our neighborhood problems.

Since our group formed, we have noticed less crime in and around our neighborhood and we attribute it to our regular calls to the police when we see something suspicious. We've also come to enjoy the benefits of meeting and working more closely with our neighbors.

**Jodi Hawkins, Block Captain, Best Trailer Park Neighborhood Watch Group**